[Dr. Bapu Kaldate]

(vii) Government of India is providing financial assistance to State Governments Dor strengthening their anti-poaching infrastructure. An amount of Rs. 100 lakhs was released for the purpose during the Seventh Five Year Plan and sanctioned allocation for the year 1990-91 is Rs. 35 lakhs. The proposed allocation for 1991-92 is Rs. 75 lakhs.

(viii) A system of rewards has been introduced to get intelligence about poachers.

(ix) A Bill has been introduced in the Rajya Sabha to make the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, more stringent and effective. It includes proposals for enhancing penalties to be awarded to poachers.

"Vik bid to link Kashmir issue with Gulf issue

1002. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the efforts of Pakistan to resolve the Gulf war by linking the issue with prevailing situation of Kashmir;

(b) whether Government have lodged any protest with the Government of Pakistan; and

(c) if not, tie reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRl DIGVUAY SINGH): (a) The six-point Pakistani Peace Plan for the Gulf enunciated la the Pakistan National Assembly on 4 February, 1991, by the Prime Minister of Pakistan, inter alia, states that "the implementation of UN resolutions should not be confined to Kuwait only but its resolutions on Kashmir and Palestine should also be implemented."

(b) and (c) Concerned Governments have been apprised of the facts namely, that there is not similarity between the situation in Kuwait that in Kashmir; that Jammu and Kashmir is an integral part of India; that interference in our internal affairs is unacceptable; and that under the Simla Agreement both India and Pakistan undertook to resolve nil differences bilaterally and peacefully.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkec and related papers.

II. Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport.

THE MINISTER OF WATER RE SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): I lay on the Table—

I. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute of Hydrology, Roorkee, for the year 1989-90, together with the Auditors' Report in the Accounts.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the Report and giving the reasons for the delay in laying the paper mentioned at (i) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2223/91.]

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Surface Transport (Ports Wing), under sub-section (4) of section 124 of the Majo Port Trusts Act, 1963:—

(i) G.S.R. No. 636(E), dated the 13th July, 1990, publishing the Calcutta Port Trust Employees' (Other than Haldia Dock Complex) Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Third Amendment Regulations 1990.

(ii) G.S.R. No. 940(E), dated the 7th December, 1990, approving the New Mangalore Port Trust Employees' (Recruitment, Seniority and Promotion) Third Amendment Regulations 1990.

(iii) G.S.R. No. 945(E), dated the 21st January, 1990, approving the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust Employees (Welfare Fund) Regulations, 1990.

(iv) G.S.R. No. 39(E)', dated the 21st January, 1991, approving the Calcutta Port Trust Pensioners Payment of Arrears of Pension (Nomination) Regulations, 1991.

(v) G.S.R. No. 61(E), dated the 8th February, 1991, approving the amendments to the Bombay Port Trust Docks Bye-Laws. [Placed in Library *See* No. LT 2218/91.[

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN IN THE CHAIR)

Notification of the Ministry of Environment and Forests

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWA-MY): On behalf of,

SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI: I lay on the Table, under section 26 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Environment and Forests Notification S.O. No. 936(E), dated the 7th December, 1990 amending Notification S.O. No. 728(E), dated the 21st July. 1987. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2236/91.]

Report and Accounts (1989-90) of the Centre for Development of Telematics New Delhi and related papers.

THE MINISTER, OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (DR. SANJAY SINGH): I lay on the Table a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Annual Report and Accounts of the Centre for Development of Telematics New Delhi, for the year 1989-90 together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT 2224/91.]

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Madam.. .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just **a** minute. Let me make an announcement about Shri R. K. Narayan. Then you can raise whatever you want.

I have to inform Members that the Chairman has received a letter from Shri R. K. Narayan stating that he is still not in a fit condition to travel. He has, therefore, requested for grant of leave of absence from all sittings of the House . . . *(Interruptions)*... during the current session.

Is it the pleasure of the House that permission be granted to Shri R. K. Narayan for remaining absent from all meetings... *(Interruptions)*... of the House during the current Session?

(No hon. Member dissented)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Have you? Okay. Permission is ... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN (West Bengal): Has the motion been carried. Is there any quorum in the House?

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: There is no quorum, Madam, in the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let me count.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal): It is useless to continue this Session in Rajya Sabha because the Government. . . *(Interruptions)* .. .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will ring the quorum bell. If the quorum is there, then we will do it.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY; Where is the Government, Madam?